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Annotations

Item 1
Opening of the session

The thirtieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

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Item 2
Solemn declaration by a new member of the Committee

According to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, new members of the Committee shall make the solemn declaration contained in that rule.

Item 3
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the first substantive item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its twenty-ninth session the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its thirtieth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2004/I/1)

Item 4
Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

Item 5
Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in this respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and further whenever the Committee requests.

At its twenty-ninth session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to that request.

At its thirtieth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/1-3 and CEDAW/C/BTN/1-6/Corr.1), the combined initial and second periodic report of Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/1-2), the combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/4-6), the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/4-5), the fifth periodic report of Germany (CEDAW/C/DEU/5), the second periodic report of Kyrgyzstan (CEDAW/C/KGZ/2 and Add.1), the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of

Nigeria (CEDAW/C/NGA/4-5) and the combined second and third periodic report of Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/2-3).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirtieth session.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee. At its thirtieth session, the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2004/I/2).

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to periodic reports for transmission to the representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the thirtieth session met in New York from 21 to 25 July 2003. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2004/I/CRP.1 and 2 and addenda).

Documentation

Combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/1-3 and CEDAW/C/BTN/1-6/Corr.1)

Combined initial and second periodic report of Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/1-2)

Combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/4-6)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/4-5)

Fifth periodic report of Germany (CEDAW/C/DEU/5)

Second periodic report of Kyrgyzstan (CEDAW/C/KGZ/2 and Add.1)

Combined second and third periodic report of Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/2-3)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Nigeria (CEDAW/C/NGA/4-5)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2004/I/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Belarus), Add.2 (Ethiopia), Add.3 (Germany), Add.4 (Kyrgyzstan), Add.5 (Nepal) and Add.6 (Nigeria))

Responses to list of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2004/I/CRP.2 (Nepal) and Add.1 (Belarus), Add.2 (Ethiopia), Add.3 (Kyrgyzstan), Add.4 (Nigeria) and Add.5 (Germany))

Item 6
Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States parties.

At its thirtieth session, the Committee will have before it the text of a revised draft general recommendation on article 4.1 of the Convention on temporary special measures prepared by a drafting group of the Committee.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

Article 22 of the Convention provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its thirtieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Text of a revised draft general recommendation on article 4.1 of the Convention on temporary measures (CEDAW/C/2004/I/WP.1)

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2004/I/3/Add.4)

Item 7
Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

Before each session, the Secretariat prepares a pre-session report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2004/I/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2004/I/4 and Add.1 and 2)

Item 8
Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention in December 2000, the Committee established the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. The Working Group will hold its third session from 7 to 9 January 2004, and the Committee will consider the report of the Working Group on its third session.

At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee also commenced work under article 8 of the Optional Protocol and will continue that work at its thirtieth session.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol (CEDAW/C/2004/I/WGCOP/L.1)

Item 9
Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of each session.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Committee

Item 10
Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirtieth session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

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Monday, 12 January 2004 **629th meeting**		
10 a.m.	**Item 1**	**Opening of the session**
	Item 2	**Solemn declaration by a new member of the Committee**
	Item 3	**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**
	Item 4	**Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the Committee**
	Item 5	**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**: report of the pre-session working group
	Item 6	**Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**: introductory statement
	Item 7	**Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**: introductory statement
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 13 January 2004 **630th meeting**		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Nepal, combined second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/NPL/2-3)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
631st meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Nepal (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

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Wednesday, 14 January 2004		
632nd meeting		
	Item 5 (continued)	**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention**
10-10.30 a.m.		Kyrgyzstan, second periodic report (CEDAW/C/KGZ/2 and Add.1)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
633rd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Kyrgyzstan (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 15 January 2004		
634th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Kuwait, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/KWT/1-2)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
635th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Kuwait (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 16 January 2004		
636th meeting		
10 a.m.-10.30 (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Bhutan, combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BTN/1-3 and CEDAW/C/BTN/1-6/Corr.1)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
637th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Bhutan (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Monday, 19 January 2004		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 8**	Activities of Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 20 January 2004		
638th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Nigeria, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NGA/4-5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
639th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Nigeria (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 21 January 2004		
640th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Germany, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/DEU/5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
641st meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Germany (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 22 January 2004		
642nd meeting		
10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Replies (Bhutan)
12.30-1 p.m. (closed)		Working Group of the Whole
643rd meeting		
3-5.30 p.m.		Replies (Kuwait)
5.30-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Friday, 23 January 2004		
644th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Belarus, combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BLR/4-6)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
645th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Belarus (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 26 January 2004		
646th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Ethiopia, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/ETH/4-5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by the experts and dialogue with the Committee
647th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 5** (continued)	Ethiopia (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6 and 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 27 January 2004		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 28 January 2004		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 8**	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 29 January 2004		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 7** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Friday, 30 January 2004		
10 a.m. (closed)	**Item 5** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
648th meeting		
3-4 p.m. (closed)	**Items 6, 7 and 8** (continued)	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole
4-6 p.m.	**Item 9**	**Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session**
	Item 10	**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirtieth session**